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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State song, "Illinois", with lyrics by Civil
3 War veteran, Charles H. Chamberlain, and music by Archibald
4 Johnston, was adopted as the official State song of Illinois by
5 the 54th General Assembly on June 30, 1925; and

6 WHEREAS, "Illinois", when played, should instill a sense of
7 pride in all residents of the Prairie State; and

8 WHEREAS, The lyrics of "Illinois" serve to depict the
9 beauty and wondrous history of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to his presidency, while serving as
11 toastmaster at a reunion of the Army of the Potomac, William
12 McKinley congratulated Charles H. Chamberlain for having
13 "written a song which will never die"; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois is the proud home of four U.S. presidents
15 - Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Ronald Reagan, and Barack
16 Obama; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 urge Illinois constitutional officers, members of the Illinois
20 House of Representatives, and members of the Illinois Senate to

1 encourage the playing of the official State song, "Illinois",
2 at all official events; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we urge our State colleges and universities
4 to play "Illinois" at their commencement exercises; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 delivered to Illinois constitutional officers, the Speaker of
8 the Illinois House of Representatives, the President of the
9 Illinois Senate, as well as the presidents of State colleges
10 and universities, the Chairpersons of the Boards of Trustees
11 for State colleges and universities; and be it further

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13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 delivered to Stanley D. Banash as a recognition of our thanks
15 for his initiative and proposal of this resolution.